

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Cheng et al.	Examiner:	Stalder, Melissa A.
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Title:	SOLVENT EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR SEPARATING COBALT AND/OR MAGANESE FROM IMPURITES IN LEACH SOLUTIONS		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed April 6, 2009, the period of response being extended from July 6, 2009 to September 6, 2009 (since September 6, 2009 falls on a Sunday, and September 7, 2009 being a Federal holiday, the time period for reply extends to Tuesday, September 8, 2009).

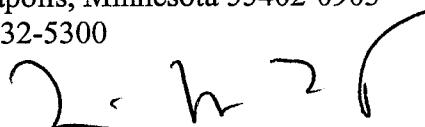
Payment in the amount of \$490.00 is being submitted via credit card to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2725, and credit any overpayment to the credit card used for payment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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